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Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I  
Award of Silver Star.....II

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

LESTER H. LEMM, 35023372, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Lemm was a driver with the communications platoon of Headquarters Company. A large hostile force launched a determined attack against the regimental command post and, penetrating the friendly defenses, overran the mortar positions. Private First Class Lemm, acting entirely on his own initiative, seized his carbine and worked his way through direct small arms fire and shellfire to within 50 yards of the captured mortars. Valiantly opening fire from an exposed position, he killed three of the hostile soldiers and wounded two others. While attempting to outflank a group of ten of the enemy, he was killed by a sniper's bullet. Private First Class Lemm's heroic sacrifice inspired his comrades to redouble their efforts and repel the hostile assault. Next of kin: Mr. Harold E. Lemm (Father), 13315 Gainsboro Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN C. LEWIS, 01299434, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 in France. Lieutenant Lewis' platoon was the assault element on a night attack. He advanced at the head of his troops across open terrain, and had approached within 200 yards of a wooded area, when he was suddenly halted by intense machine gun fire. As enemy mortar shells began to burst in the area, he immediately led his men in an assault on the hostile positions. While leading one element to the flank, he inadvertently set off a booby-trap which caused him severe burns. Despite the great pain of his wounds, he gallantly continued to lead his platoon for an hour and a half, as they cleared the woods and seized their objective. Entered the Service from Crafton, Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND F. STALLINGS, 20806018, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. Company I was assigned the mission of infiltrating the German lines to reach and hold an important town. Moving across flat, open terrain under cover of darkness, Sergeant Stallings, platoon sergeant of the company's weapons platoon, advanced

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at the head of his men, exposing himself to heavy crossfire from enemy automatic weapons. Then, continuing forward into a wooded area, he frequently halted his platoon and went ahead in the face of hostile fire to investigate the situation. Sergeant Stallings led his platoon past enemy gun positions to the town and deployed his men in the designated area. He braved heavy fire from a German anti-tank gun to move from one building to another, checking his men's positions and encouraging them to hold their ground. His personal courage and outstanding leadership contributed materially to the success of the mission. Entered the Service from Ranger, Texas.

ROBERT E. CONANT, 15054373, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 March 1945 in France. While his company prepared to attack a strongly defended enemy town, Sergeant Conant, acting on his own initiative, worked his way across 200 yards of open terrain under heavy small arms fire and occupied the first house on the outskirts of the town. From this position he opened fire and neutralized a German machine gun nest, enabling three of his men to join him. Sergeant Conant, directed his men in seizing the next three houses, thereby establishing a foothold in the important town. Then, returning across the fire-swept area, he adjusted accurate artillery fire on the enemy strong points which he had located. By his personal valor and daring initiative, he contributed greatly to the final capture of the town. Entered the Service from Somerset, Kentucky.

ALVIN H. FREISE, 37621955, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany. Company L was advancing across an open field to attack Siegfried Line positions, when it was halted by intense machine gun crossfire. Sergeant Freise, leader of the squad on the company's right flank, kept his men working forward, but suddenly a machine gun on the right opened fire and wounded one of them. As his men took cover, Sergeant Freise, without hesitation, courageously dashed across the open ground in the face of the enemy fire. He opened fire with his rifle at close range, killing two of the crew, wounding another and silencing the weapon. Sergeant Freise's gallant and aggressive action enabled his company to continue its attack. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

JAMES R. BERRYHILL, 34921965, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. While advancing across an open field to attack hostile positions in a wooded area, Company I was subjected to heavy enemy small arms fire. Sergeant Berryhill courageously exposed himself to the hostile fire to keep his squad moving forward. He led his men into the strongly fortified woods, skillfully directing them across minefields and through barbed wire entanglements toward their objective. Sergeant Berryhill was wounded by the enemy fire, but, despite the pain of his injury, he continued to lead his squad until he was ordered to return for medical attention. After issuing instructions to his men, he helped the aid men take other seriously wounded soldiers to the aid station. His courageous initiative and outstanding leadership greatly aided his company in successfully completing its mission. Entered the Service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

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DAVID ARVIZU, 36880612, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN A. DEDO, 36840273, Private First Class, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Ironwood, Michigan.

for gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 in France. These men were with a patrol about 150 yards beyond friendly outposts, when they were subjected to heavy small arms and bazooka fire. The patrol fell back a short distance to a more favorable position. They sent the others back for help, and took up the defense of the area. Before help arrived, the enemy launched an attack with a force of approximately 20 men. Although bullets struck all around them and they were at times badly shaken by direct hits on their position by bazooka shells, they steadfastly maintained their position against the full force of the enemy assault. When help came thirty minutes later, they had inflicted several casualties on the hostile soldiers. As a result of the courage and determination of the above men, their platoon was enabled to counterattack and drive off the enemy force.

KENNETH E. JAMISON, 36877667, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 in France. When the company's advance through a wooded area was stopped by heavy enemy machine gun fire from its right flank, Private First Class Jamison, acting entirely on his own initiative, began working his way forward to outflank the gun emplacements. Reaching an exposed position on the top of a knoll, he observed two German machine guns delivering crossfire at the friendly troops. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, he knocked out both machine guns with rifle grenades. As a result of his daring initiative and outstanding aggressiveness, his company was able to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

DAVID A. PENNINGTON, 38039450, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 March 1945 in Germany. While his platoon was attacking a group of buildings in the Siegfried Line defenses, Private First Class Pennington's squad leader and assistant squad leader were wounded by heavy small arms fire from the houses. He immediately assumed command of the squad, reorganized the men and directed their advance. In spite of mortar and artillery shells bursting around him and bullets which struck within inches of him, he courageously led them in an assault which overran the position, killed three Germans and captured six prisoners. Private First Class Pennington's gallant and aggressive leadership was a source of inspiration to the members of his squad. Entered the Service from Lewisville, Texas.

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THOMAS A. NADOLNY, 32916084, Private First Class (then Private), Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. A group of 25 Germans attacked Battery C and opened fire with machine guns, machine pistols and bazookas to cover a demolition squad which was working its way toward the gun positions. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, Private Nadolny secured a machine gun and swiftly put it into action. After firing all of his ammunition into the hostile troops, he ran across the fire-swept terrain to an ammunition truck for an additional supply. Upon returning to his gun position, he found that the powder bags at the 4th Section gun had caught on fire. While attempting to extinguish the blaze, he was knocked to the ground when a demolition charge was exploded and the 4th Section gun destroyed. His aggressive actions enabled his fellow cannoneers to drive back the attackers and save the other three guns. Entered the Service from Bayonne, New Jersey.

RALPH J. BRUNYER, 39924837, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany. When his company's attack on the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line was halted by intense small arms fire coming from two pillboxes, Private Brunyer, an acting squad leader, deployed his squad and crawled through the hostile fire to the first pillbox. After determining the situation, he returned and secured the help of two engineers with demolition charges. When the first charges failed to force an entrance into the pillbox, he returned under the heavy fire to secure additional explosives. During a period of ten hours, while shells burst around him and bullets struck within inches of him, he exposed himself constantly to direct the reduction of the pillboxes. As a result of Private Brunyer's courageous and aggressive leadership, the pillboxes were eliminated, 14 of the enemy were captured and the company was enabled to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

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